

Dan Gross: Mary Mason looking to buy



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MARY MASON is traveling the country hoping to buy a radio station. "No more just working, I want to purchase," a station, she told us Monday, before taking off for more travel. Mason says she has put a "good group together, a small group," of investors.

The longtime 1340 WHAT host was unreachable to provide more details on her pursuit. Since the demise of the station's African-American talk-radio format, Mason has most recently hosted a Saturday show on WWDB 860-AM.

Strug says he's

feeling fine now

"I'm gonna live," said NBC 10 reporter **Mike Strug** yesterday, calling in response to a voicemail we had left him. Strug spent Tuesday night at Abington Memorial Hospital, from which he's about to be released, after he felt a "rapid heartbeat," and figuring better safe than sorry, drove himself to the hospital. Strug says doctors told him it wasn't his heart and says he feels fine now. He expects to take off today but plans to be back at work tomorrow night.

DeBella sidekick DePreggers

Congrats to 102.9 WMGK's **Jen Posner**, of the **John DeBella** morning show, who announced yesterday that she is expecting her first child. Posner, 33, and husband **Frank Neil**, who works in online advertising, are expecting a baby around Sept. 18.

Former partners now face off

We told you Monday that **Glen Macnow** would be working middays at 610 WIP. He'll soon be facing off with his former WIP colleague **Jody MacDonald**. Years ago, the pair hosted the "Mac & Mac" show on WIP, but Jody Mac, now heard on ESPN 950, on Tuesday moves to the 9 a.m.-to-1 p.m. slot where he will be on opposite Macnow and **Anthony Gargano** on 'IP.

* Another longtime WIP voice, **Mike Missanelli**, also starts Tuesday on ESPN 950, in the 3-to-7 p.m. slot, where he'll face off with **Howard Eskin**'s WIP show. Interestingly, exactly two years before Missanelli's return, 950's "Sports Chatter" hosts **Gene Giello**, **Paul Solari** and **Kevin Midgette** ran an April Fools' prank saying they had been fired from their weekly show, which now airs from 10 to midnight Fridays, and replaced by Missanelli. Station manager **Bob DeBlois**, whose new lineup also features ESPN's "**Mike & Mike**" show in the 6-to-9 a.m. slot, laughed when we reminded him of the 2006 prank.

Location, location, location

"The Dream of the Romans," starring **Jeff Daniels** and "Gilmore Girls" MILF **Lauren Graham**, shot around 16th & South yesterday and is expected to be there for a few more days.

A legal gathering at G

Gov. Rendell, City Councilman **Bill Green**, judges **Dan Anders**, **Glyniss Hill** and **Pamela Pryor Dembe** were among guests at a Young Lawyers Division ceremony swearing in of **Scott P. Sigman** as chair of the organization Tuesday night at G Lounge (111 S. 17th). **George Bochetto**, with whom Sigman practices, was also at the party where Rendell special assistant **Nina Tinari** also celebrated her 28th birthday.

Platt's brutal foreign policy

"If they repeat, I'll be declaring a fatwa on those nerds," says *Philadelphia* mag editor **Larry Platt** of *Foreign Policy* magazine, which last year beat *Philly* mag for a National Magazine Award in General Excellence from the American Society of Magazine Editors. Both are again nominated for the award, which will be announced May 1. Other nominees are *Radar*, *Past* and *Mother Jones*. Platt has also informed staff that if they win, they'll "party like **Eliot Spitzer**." Senior Writer **Rich Rys** has pieces in both nominated issues of *Philadelphia* and *Radar*. *

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